



## West Plains Schools Board Notes

February 18, 2014

**Pledge of Allegiance-** The West Plains Elementary 4th Grade Honor Choir led the Pledge of Allegiance and also performed the Star Spangled Banner for the board. The group recently performed at a Grizzly basketball game and sang carols around town just before Christmas.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **SCCC Accreditation Update-**

The SCCC has completed reviews of each adult program. The next step in the process is the overall school standards review which is set for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. These steps are required as part of the current accreditation process.

#### **Ag-Science Building Bid Results**

Bids were opened on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Dennis Allen Construction Company submitted the low bid of \$925,350. The board approved this bid pending positive reference checks for the company.

#### **Health Services Grant – *Healthy Schools = Better Learners***

The West Plains School District has been invited by Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to help improve the overall health program within the district through a project called Healthy Schools = Better Learners. The program will allot \$1,000 per building per year for a total of five years to help implement and enhance virtually any program related to the health of our students and staff. The board approved the program for the district and it is scheduled to begin this spring.

#### **New Evaluation Tool Approved for Certified Staff-**

Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, all school districts are required to align their evaluation procedures to the seven effective principles that have been established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Since January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the district has conducted two committee meetings to discuss the district evaluation model and the new requirements of an evaluation model, as well as some of the different options available to the district. The committee recommended the Network for Educator Effectiveness model developed by the University of Missouri. The board unanimously approved the recommendation.

#### **Addendum for Snow Days to the 2014-2015 School Calendar**

The board reviewed the proposed winter weather contingency policy for the 2014-15 school year. Currently, the district incorporates 10 snow days into the school calendar so that additional days will not have to be added. For the 2014-2015 school year if more than 10 days of school are missed due to inclement weather, the following days would be used, respectively, as additional instructional days, starting with the 11<sup>th</sup> snow day: (1) January teacher In-service, (2) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, (3) February Teacher In-service, (4) President's Day, (5) Monday following spring break. The addendum is scheduled to be approved at the March board meeting.

#### **Resignations**

Tammy Harper – Special Education

David Adams – MS Science & Head MS Football Coach

Glenn Harris – MS Custodian

**Next Regular Meeting-**

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 18th, 2014 at 5:00pm

*School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains School of Education Office, 305 Valley View Drive, unless otherwise posted.*